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SUBJECT: HANDLING OF KOREAN ITEM

1. ON AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 23 AMBASSADOR BENNETT TALKED WITH CHAIRMAN OF FIRST COMMITTEE, PERMREP OF LEBANON GHORRA, ABOUT RUMOR THAT FIRST COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED TO HOLD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AND THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE AT THAT TIME TO OBTAIN PRIORITY FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA. BENNETT EMPHASIZED TO GHORRA OUR VIEW THAT SEPTEMBER 25 WAS TOO EARLY A DATE FOR FIRST COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, PARTICULARLY SINCE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE MEETING UNTIL SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER AFTER END OF GENERAL DEBATE. HE EXPLAINED THAT IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS WERE GOING ON WITH RESPECT TO DISARMAMENT ISSUES, KOREAN RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING WORKED ON, ETC., ALL TO THE POINT THAT WE WERE NOT REALLY READY FOR A MEETING ON THURSDAY AND WOULD APPRECIATE LETTING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE SLIP TO NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY SEPTEMBER 29.

2. GHORRA WAS VERY RESPONSIVE TO ABOVE ARGUMENTS, SAID THERE WAS NO PROBLEM FOR HIM IN POSTPONING MEETING UNTIL
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SEPTEMBER 29, AND PROMISED TO TALK WITH THE SECRETARIAT

MORNING SEPTEMBER 25 TO ARRANGE IT THAT WAY.

3. QUESTION OF POSSIBLE FIGHT OVER PRIORITIES CAME UP. GHORRA CAME DOWN QUITE FIRMLY ON POINT THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF HAVING COMMITTEE TAKE UP PRIORITY OF KOREAN RESOLUTIONS ISSUE THIS EARLY STAGE. THAT WOULD BE A MATTER, HE SAID, FOR COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WHEN THAT ITEM WAS REACHED. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE QUITE IMPROPER FOR MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. BENNETT AGREED WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH GHORRA'S VIEW, AND POINTED OUT FACTS WITH RESPECT TO RELATIVE DATES ON WHICH TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT BACK IN SUMMER--OURS FIVE WEEKS AHEAD OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION. GHORRA SHOWED HIMSELF AWARE OF FACTS. HE WAS FIRM ON NOT HAVING PRIORITY ISSUE COME UP AT FIRST MEETING, LESS FIRM ON HOW HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACT AS PRESIDENT ON THE ISSUE OF PRIORITY ISSUE.

4. GHORRA TOOK SAME POSITIONS AS ABOVE IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM MORNING SEPTEMBER 24. MOYNIHAN

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